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1. The Ikarusz ~~Karoszeria~~ es jármegyár N.V. (Ikarusz Vehicle and Vehicle Body Factory) which was located between the Margit and the Lehel Streets in Budapest-Matyasfoeld was a state enterprise under the control of the Ministry for Heavy Industry. It was being connected with the Budapest-Matyasfoeld local railroad station by a side track. Source had no information on the machinery equipment and the current supply of the works.
2. The works produced autobusses, signal trucks, and ambulances and was supplied with engines for the vehicles including Diesel engines by the Rakosi-Matyas Works. Some of the produced autobusses were exported to the USSR, Poland and Czechoslovakia by rail. The ambulances and signal trucks were scheduled for the Hungarian Army. Source estimated that the monthly production amounted to about 70 autobusses, 50 to 60 ambulances, and 50 to 60 signal trucks.
3. The leading staff of the works included Ferenc Szoees, who was the managing director and no expert, was about 35 years old, 162 cm tall, and had brown hair; Andor Kiss, who was the chief engineer, was about 45 years old, 170 cm tall, and had brown hair combed straight back, and Nemeth (fnu) who was manager of the department (Werk-leiter), about 40 years old, 170 cm tall, and had brown hair combed straight back.
4. About 5,000 workers who worked in two shifts were employed in the enterprise. As they disliked and often cursed at the Communist regime, arrests of workers were a rather frequent occurrence.